BY J. G. WHITTIER.

Now, by our fathers' ashes! where's the spirit Of the true-hearted and the unchackled gone? Sons of old freemen, do we but inherit

Is the old pilgrim spirit quenched within us? Stoops the proud manhood of our souls so low, That mammon's lure or party's wile can win us To silence now?

No-when our land to ruin's brink is verging. In God's name, let us speak while there is time Now, when the padlocks of our lips are forging, SHENCE IS CRIME!

What! shall we henceforth humbly ask as favors Rights all our own? in madness shall we barter For treacherous peace, the freedom nature gave us God and our charter ?

Here shall the statesman seek the free to fetter? Here Lynch law light its horrid fires on high ? And in the church their proud and skilled abettor, Make truth a lie?

To sanction crime and robbery and blood, And in Oppression's hateful service, libel Both man and God ?

Porture the pages of the hallowed Bible,

Shall our New England stand erect no longer, But stoop in chains upon her downward way, Thicker to gather on her limbs and stronger Day after day?

O no, methicks from all her wild green mountains, From vallies where her slumbering fathers lie-From Ler blue rivers and her welling fountains, And clear, cold sky

From her rough coast, which iles and hungry ocean Gnaws with his surgers-from the fisher's skiff. With white sail swaving to the billow's motion Round rock and cliff

From the free fire-side of her unbought farmer-From her free laborer at his loom and wheel-From the brown smith shop, where beneath the

Rings the red steel :

From each and all, if God hath not formken Our land, and left us to an evil choice. Load as the summer thunder bolt shall waker A PEOPLE'S VOICE!

Startling and stearn the northern winds shall bear it Over Potomac to St. Mary's wave; And buried Freedom shall awake to hear it Within her grave.

O let that voice go forth .- the bondmen righing By Santee's wave-in Mississippi's cane, Shall feel the hope, within his bosom dying, Revive again.

Let it go forth! The millions who are gazing Sadly opon us, from afar, shall smile, And, unto God, devout thanksgiving rising,

O, for your ancient freedom pure and holy, For the deliverance of a groaning earth, For the wronged captive, bleeding, crushed, an lowly,

Let it go forth! With all they le't ye periled and at stake?

Ho! once again on freedom's hely altar The fire awake ! Prayer strengthened for the trial, come together Put on the harness for the moral fight. And, with the blessing of your Heavenly Father,

MAINTAIN THE BIGHT

COMMUNICATIONS.

For the State Journal.

Pursuant to previous notice a respectable number of the friends of HARRISON and GRANGER, in Northfield, assembled for the purpose of determining upon the proper measures to be pursued at the coming election.

The meeting was organized upon the appointment of NATB'L. JONES, Esq. Chairman, and Roswell Dewey, Sec-

After consultation, the following resolution, on motion of Jno. L. Buck, Esq. was unanimously adopted:

person to be appointed for town Represen- for believing, that it is only the immeditative, by the Democratic freemen of ate exercise of this power, that will save

On motion Jao. L. Buck, H. W. Carpenter and Jno. Averill, Esqrs. were appointed suade the slave holder, to avert such a cria committee to draft resolutions expressive sis, by giving his slaves their freedom, to so of the sense of the meeting, who report- alter the constitution of society, that the the following, which were adopted without a dissenting voice :

nations of WILLIAM HENRY HARRI- abolitionists believe they are taking the SON and FRANCIS GRANGER for the only legitimate means to preserve it, by House; offices of President and Vice President of exerting a moral power to bring it back to the United States, and believe them entitled to the hearty and undivided support of the rights. They believe this to be the only my lecture while they loaded again,—they

meets with our full approbation, and that we will use all honest and honorable exertions to secure the success thereof.

Revolved, That the nomination of JON-ATHAN P. MILLER and MILTON ington County, meets with our unanimous

cause in which we are engaged.

mocracy which is known by deeds rather than words, and which is in favor of ex-tending to all classes the benefits of a free government, rightly administered. On motion, adjourned to Friday evening,

Resolved, That we approve of that de-

August 26th. NATH'L. JONES, Chairman.

ROSWELL DEWEY, Secretary. For the State Journal.

Mr. Epiron:

The following article was originally written, and has been forwarded for publication in Zion's Watchman. If you think that its publication in this region would subserve the interests of Anti-Slavery, you will confer a favor by giving it a place in the columns of the Journal.

ABOLITIONISTS AND DISUNION.

It is one of the charges most frequently brought against the abolitionists, that their movements tend to the dissolution of the If this under the pressure of present exigences, may seem to be true, there are no persons who more ardently wish for a contrary result, than abolitionists themselves. That they have not set out with any such design they have repeatedly de-clared, and this is generally conceded by their more candid opponents. Nothing would more grieve them than to see the South so desperate in the sin of slaveholding as to be willing to dissolve the Union in order to shut out the light of truth from their country. If the South should resort to this desperate measure, they alone would be responsible for the result. The very foundation of this charge against abolitionists, is the tenacity with which the South cling to the damning sin of slavery.

Abolitionists, however, are free to ac-

knowledge, that they wish every political relation to be dissolved, which makes them as citizens of the nation, in any sense, the supporters of Southern oppression. If driven to extremities, if slavery must perpetually and eternally exist in any state, abolitionists would prefer that all political un-ion with that State, should be dissolved; and this too, in consistency with the foundation of our national compact, which de-clares that all men are born free and equal, and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and inalienable rights. But, lest abolitionists should appear reckless in making such a choice, let us see in what light, this whole subject presents itself to our consideration. From the ratio of the increase of slave population over that of the whites in many of the slave state. the whites in many of the slave states, it is capable of mathematical demonstration that the day is not far distant when the power of the white population will be inadequate the fact that there was to be a lecture on remonstrance, they will silence it by viofor the control of the blacks. We cannot slavery, made the rum and slavery party but anticipate that when the day approach- 'breathe out threatenings.' In the course of they will stir up mobs against it; inflame es, there will be tremondous struggles be- the day, groups were seen in different them to madness, and turn their brutal defence of an occasional use of intoxicatween the oppressed and the oppressor, places consulting together how to defend rage against the dwellings, the property, ting drinks; but he had a plenty of coad-which will either result in the massacre of their 'glorious liberty,' to drink and sell the persons, the lives of the wretched abo, jutors, from some of whom we should which will either result in the massacre of the whites or their banishment from the rum, and mob down abouttonism. Tembrate the whites or their banishment from the rum, and mob down abouttonism. Tembrate the perance men were threatened with tar and abolition, acknowledge that it is fearful to describe the perance men were threatened with tar and abolition, acknowledge that it is fearful to describe the perance men were threatened with tar and abolition, acknowledge that it is fearful to describe the perance men were threatened with tar and their families. In announcing bave expected better things. The cry of independence of religion on the magistrate, that they will put them down by force all this is included. Fire, robbery, bloodshed, this is included. Fire, robbery, bloodshed, this is included. look forward through such a calculation to the inevitable result of the system of slavery, should it long be continued in our country. Even they look with terror at the ruin in the Methodist meeting house. We com- and delerium of its fury it may not proceed. vocates of immediate and TOTAL abstinence bearing cloud that lowers darkly over the head of the oppressor. They look-but lest the 'fanatical madness of abolitionism,' should sieze their spirits, they turn away and hide their eyes beneath the veil of present expediency.

Abolitionists behold these threatning dan-

patriotism requires every friend of his ting far away in our minds the evil day, we only cause the seat of violence to come near. While the white population of the near. slave states now possess sufficient power to provide for the peaceable emancipation Resolved, That ANSON ADAMS, Esq. of the slaves, consistent with their own be unanimously nominated as a suitable safety, abolitionists think there are grounds the white population and the slavestates from ruin. Hence, they labor to perpreservation of order, harmony, and peace, will be for the mutual interest of all. Hence,

LINES,

Written on the passage of Piockney's resolutions; and are, therefore, enlittle, suppose the littled only to the detestation of every true states of Barbary, with their piracy and loun's "Bill of Abominations" in the Senate of the U. States.

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and tend directly to sap the foundations of same general principles? To alter the lound which they would establish.

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I had never enjoyed an opportunity of the U. States. Resolved, That the important results admission into our Union: and suppose, consequent upon the coming election, ought to induce us to throw aside personal and local prejudices—bury the hatchet, and local prejudices—bury the hatchet, and vantages, which they were willing to compromise for the privilege of continuing their promise for the privilege of continuing the promise for the privilege of continuing the privilege of continuing the privilege of continuing th not our whole nation object to such a un-ion, on the ground that it would afford fain applying this supposition has only to bring the evils attendant on the supposed Union, a little nearer home. But slavery, in the eye of the abolitionists,

> God. And they see in prospect, the dan-gers it threatens, not only, as the result of existing political causes, but as a fearful the liquid fire.' retribution of the avenging wrath of heaven. When they look on this sin in its present operations, they see it as a moral leprosy preying on the vitals of the country, and spreading its poisonous polution throughout every department of the nation. They see it, as that which not only threatens the destruction of our political institu-tions, but which, should it be unchecked, will, inevitably, bring moral desolution on the face of the land. Hence, christian benevolence prompts them, to seek in the power of truth and rightcousness, a re-deeming spirit for our country. Though, they believe that the moral means which, alone, they employ, will be efficacious in saving the country, yet should they fail, this failure could not produce a worse evil than slavery. If, in applying this moral remedy to heal and purify the body of our country from the leprosy of slavery, some of its putrid limbs should fall off, abolitiont ists would see this result with pain, buwould charge it to the inveteracy of the disease, rather than to the design of the remedy applied. But, even in this case, though the separation would be like parting with a right hand or a right eye, they believe 'it would be better, for one of the members of our country to perish, than for its whole body to be east into hell fire.'

Pittsfield, Aug. 15, 1836.

MOB AT EXETER, N. H.

DIEGO.

We presume our readers will like to know the facts in relation to the mob at Exeter,

gers, and in view of them, they feel that After preyer and singing again, I comthe evil of slavery appears desperate, yet it —and show the people their sins, etc.—is becoming every day more so. By put-Second, we had the right by the constitution of our country which secured the liberty of speech.
I had proceeded in my lecture but a very

few memeats, when half a brick was hurled at me, passing through a substantial window blind, breaking the glass and falling harmless in the pulpit,—this was im-

most of the congregation remaining remarkably quiet, considering the circumstances, mob having reloaded the engine, reinstead of designing to destroy the Union, newed their attack upon the window nearest the pulpit on the west side of the in this instance they were unsuccessful I believe, and all their water fell on Republican party:

Resolved, That the State Ticket headed nently stand, and that a Union, which is upon a third window. I am not certain by SILAS H. JENISON, for Governor, purchased by compromising with the spirit whether that window was broken or not. of oppression, is not only valueless, but These valiant defenders of rum and the will ultimately prove ruinous to all concern- constitution were not to be discouraged in ed. The pecuniory advantages of an Union their attempts to throw away that troubler can never preserve it, when it embraces in of their peace, water; but they shortly re its principles the elements of its own de- turned with their engine, and commenced BROWN, Esquires for Senators of Wash- struction. Hence, if slavery must continue an attack upon a fourth window, and then perpetually in any state, abolitionists wish discharged the cold water as though they

I had now proceeded about half an hour in my lecture-at this point, I was of opinion that we had better close our meeting for to night, and dismissed the congregation accordingly. This was done while the lo, they discovered that they had nought before them but an empty house. They now set up a yell which told most truly,

MOBOCRACY.

At the anti-abolition meeting held in Birney's press by the mob, the following presses or the preachers of the antislavery resolution among others was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting nothing short of the absolute discontinuance of the said abolition paper in this city, can prevent a resort to violence, which may be as disastrous to the publisher and supporters, as it must be to the good order and fair fame of our city.

by W. N. Brown, and adopted: Resolved, That we entertain the most profound respect for the memories of the venerated patriots of more than 'sixty years since,' who in the harbor of Boston, out the sauction of law, but in the plenticlare that whenever we find an existing and happiness of our common country by its effects-aiming at the destruction and disunion of our happy government, and only prompted and sustained by those un-

there was an excitement by the rum and and adopted with the rest, declare in so lence; if they cannot persuade it to desist, The hour of meeting arrived, and though are the common excesses of an enraged grent pains had been taken to prevent an attendance, yet we had a good congregation destruction to which in the drunkenness redeeming spirit in our midst, and able admenced by singing, after which prayer was offered by brother Stearns. At the commotions of the elements can as casily be appeased by appeals to the qualiment of the prayer the mob began their operations by the cry of fire in the man mind; the whirlwind and the light-Shortly after, a missile was sent ning might as well be expected to pause Firm, faithful, uncompromising and unagainst the meeting house, and the rattling and turn aside to spare the helpless and inof the fire engine was heard in he streets. nocent, as an infatuated multitude.

menced my lecture by stating the right we if the community are of that opinion, there assembly. Doct. Beman is not, I presume, country to arouse to action. They believe had to discuss the subject that had called us is no necessity of violence to effect the ob- appreciated in New England generally; but country to arouse to action. They believe that if any thing would be done to save the country, it must be done now. Though right by the command of God, 'Cry aloud their own hands; the majority may make from that man, than from any other elerand show the people their sins, etc.—

and show th a certain manner to be a crime, and impos- only a truly great man, in intellect and ing penalties. The law may then be put moral power, but he is honest, straightfor-in force against the offenders, and their ward, and inflexible in the path of duty. mouths may be gagged in due form, and Well may the friends of Temperance, and with all the solemnities of justice.

What is the reason this is not done?mediately followed by a stream of water meled; there is not a committee that can from an engine, most of which spent its be raised in any of the State Legislatures cial to the cause of temperance, and in all force against the shattered blind and win-north of the Potomac who will report in probability the advocates of Madeira and favor of imposing penalties on those who I stepped down out of the pulpit into the declaim against slavery; there is not a tempt to carry their point, unless they call altar, and there continued my remarks, legislature who would sanction such a report; and there is not a single free state the purpose people of which would sustain a legislature in so doing. These are facts, and the ad- tinction now at this place, but I have been vocates of mob law know them to be so,

Who then are the men that issue this initation to silence the press by violence? dom of the press. approval, and that we will render them our undivided support at the coming election.

Resolved, That secret secieties of any kind or name, are prejudicial to the interests.

Rev. H. C. Wright, now an agent of the arisforacy, and they will not for the continuance of a Union with hated the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is their own, to which they require that the proposed for the continuance of a Union with hated the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is their own, to which they require that the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is their own, to which they require that the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is their own, to which they require that the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is their own, to which they require that the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is their own, to which they require that the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is their own, to which they require that the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is their own, to which they require that the very sight of it, as it is said people do, who are affected with hydrothem by the uninistry of a mob. There is the country, and they will not for the continuance of a Union with hat state, because it is a moral certainty that state, because it is a moral certainty because of refusal, they threaten to execute the the result of the country, and they will not for the continuance of a Union with hat state, because it is a moral certainty because of the country of the world of t

tablish.

So far as we are concerned we are determined that this despotism shall neither be submitted to nor encouraged. In whatever form it makes its appearance we shall fine man, and fully meets my high raised raise our voice against it. We are resolved expectations. His mind is absorbed in the that the subject of slavery shall be as it ever great work to which he has consecrated accordingly. This was done while the mob were gone to reload their engine, so that the congregation passed out of the ference between whigism and democracy, house unmolested, before the mobocrats or as the difference between the Arminians cilities for our sons to become instructed in piracy; and be countenancing the sale of our christian citizens into slavery? The reader and the Calvinists. If the press chooses to be silent on the subject, it shall be the silence of perfect free will, and not the silence of fear. We hold that this combi-nation of the few to govern the many by the terror of illegal violence, is as wicked But slavery, in the eye of the abolitionists, who their instigator was, viz. the prince of and indefensible as a conspiracy to rob on is not only a political evil, but a sin against darkness. These violators of the public the highway. We hold it to be the duty of

One piece of justice must be done to the Thousands there are of persons in that quarter of the country who disapprove as heartily as any citizen of the North can Cincinnati just before the destruction of Mr | do, the employment of violence against the party. There are great numbers, also, as we are well informed, who think that only harm could result from directing the penalties of the law against those who discuss the question of slavery. They are for leaving the mode of discussing this question solely to the calm and considerate good sense of the North, satisfied that the least show of a determination to abridge the lib-The following resolution was also offered erty of speech in this matter is but throwing oll on the flames.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, Aug. 6, 1836. Dear Sir-Many circumstances have conspired to render this place a scene of grant interest for the past week. In addiand for which illegal act they were entitled to, and did receive the warmest thanks and gratitude of every lover of sections. well wisher of his country—and that we in a large number of the choicest spirits of imitation of the noble and fearless example the land. The Convention contained some set us by those true hearted Americans, de-clare that whenever we find an existing evil, wicked and mischievous in its con-lie is an able presiding officer, and an exception-warring against the best interests ceedingly amiable man. The proceedigs of the occasion excited a great degree of interest, not only among the members, but also among the numerous and highly reonly prompted and sustained by those un-tiring energies of human ambition, hope of gain and love of notoriety but shielded from legal enactment according to the usu-Concord Herald of Freedom.

Mr Kimball,—By request of some friends in this piace, i gave permission for an appointment to be given out, last Sabbath, form the solutions shall be firm, united and decided.

The notice was published at all the houses of public worship. chan one rubicum clergyman was found ready to plead long and hard, sgainet the terrible theresy of denouncing wine, and Sig. tering and threatening and bravado of the

Doct. Reese of New York city, had the honor of being the leader in the glorious stand up for the truth. He was decidedly If the abolitionists must be put down, and the most efficient and eloquent man in the the friends of the Slave, and the friends of Religion, look to Doct. Bernan as one

The Convention adjourned this day at noon. Its influence will be highly benefi-Champaigne will never make another at-

There are a great many strangers of dismore happy in meeting the sincere and active friends of mankind, the moral clife of the country, than all the titled dignita-Who but an insolent, brawling minority, a ries of civil life, with which the town is few noisy fanatics, who claim that their filled. Here I have met Theodore D. own opinions s all be the measure of Weld, the devoted and eloquent apostle of freedom for the rest of the community, and negro emancipation; Mr Leavitt, the editor who undertake to overawe a vast pacific of the N. Y. Evangelist, (which I am hapmajority by threats of wanton outrage and py to learn has over 10,000 subscribers;) Rev. These men are for creeting an Jedediah Burchard, the Evangelist, whom bilimater? These men are for creeting an obligarchy of their own, and riding rough the Vermont Chronicle, Boston Recorder, shod over the people and the people's rights.

They claim a right to repeal the laws s ablished by the majority in favor of the free-lished by the free-lish They make new laws of lege, and a truly valuable and amiable man; But the freemasoney of this man makes him their own, to which they require that the Rev. H. C. Wright, now an agent of the dear to the aristocracy, and they will not

his life. He is emphatically a self made man, possesses great activity, energy, and decision of character. His conversational powers are excellent, and those who have heard him as a public speaker, pronounce him one of the first orators in our country. I am happy to learn that he proposes visiting Boston before long. I am sure the friends of emancipation will be rejoiced to see him, and listen to his cloquence. God grant that his useful life and health may be prolonged, till the glorious contest in which he is engaged, has been consummated by Victory.
The information that has been commu-

nicated to me since I left home, in regard to the anti-slavery cause, is in the highest degree encouraging. Our principles are spreading and taking deep root in all parts of the free States. The people are fast coming to the rescue. From the cities and large towns we have nothing to hope, and upon them we ought to spend but little of our labor; but in the country, among the honest and independent yeomanry we have every thing to expect. They will and do look at the subject as it is, without that spirit of calculating selfishness, and fawn-ing obsequiousness which so generally prevail in our cities and larger towns.

The American Anti-Slavery Society are greatly in want of efficient Lecturers, and have immediate and pressing calls for near

Persons well qualified for such a work ought immediately to be reported to Mr Weld, who has the general superintendence of engaging Agents and Lecturers. The harvest is great, the laborers few. Never was there so pressing a demand for all the moral and intellectual energies of the friends of humanity in every department of enterprize, as at this moment; and eveadvance the great system of operations designed to emancipate, enlighten and bless mankind.

Yours truly,

From the Essex Gazette

The Centennial celebration at Providence R. I. went off in fine style Among the letters received by the committee of invitation to the festivities, we notice the following from Dr Channing, of Boston, himself a native of Rhode Island. It is a beautiful tribute to the memory of a great and good NEWPORT, Aug. 4, 1836.

Sin, —I am truly grateful to the Rhode Island Historical Society for their invitation to join with them in the festivities of the The Cincinnati meeting, in the concluding resolution offered by Wilson N. Brown, not do; the body as a whole, was sound to izens on the joyful occasion. Other companies the core, and notwithstanding all the blus. munities have taken pride in tracing their wine loving opposition, the resolution origin to heroes and conquerors. I boast was carried by an overwhelming major-more of Reger Williams, the founder of my native State. The triumph which he gained over the prejudices of his age was in the view of reason more glorious than the bloody victories which stain almost every page of history; and his more generous exposition of the rights of conscience, of the gives him a rank among the lights and benefactors of the world. When I think of him as penetrating the wilderness, not only that he might worship God according to his own convictions of truth and duty, but that he might prepare an asylum where the persecuted of all sects might enjoy the same religious freedom, I see him as perfect an example of the spirit of liberty as any age has furnished.

Venerable confessor in the cause of freedom and truth! May his name be precious and immortal. May his spirit never die in the community which he founded. May the obscurest individual, and the most unpopular sect or party, never be denied those rights of free investigation, of free atterance of their convictions, on which this State is established. WM. E. CHANNING.

Richard M. Johnson proclaimed immediately after John Q. Adams was sworn into office, as President, "that his administration must be put down, even were it as pure as the angels around the throne of God

What depravity! What principles a man must possess to make a declaration like this! No wonder if the very rocks should cry out against him. Such depravi-ty and principles, joined to his other faults, must render him so loathsome to every serious reflecting mind, that it seems it would be impossible to induce a great portion of the freemen to give their votes for electors who would support him for the second office in the United States. But the decree has gone forth from the Aristoracy to their deluded followers, that they shall support Richard M. Johnson for Vice President. And why? Because the Bal-Freemasons, by their nominations, yoked Johnson with Van Buran, merefore, say